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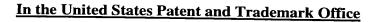
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## **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Official communication mailed 28 November 1997, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 1, insert -- photographic-- between "waste" and

"effluent".

Please cancel claim 2.

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected this application under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reißner (DE '219) in view of Yan (US '063). Applicants traverse this rejection this rejection.

DE '219 is already disclosed in the specification as describing the treatment of dilute photographic, aqueous solutions of thiosulphate by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide in the presence of, in particular molybdenum, preferably as ammonium molybdate. The transition metal compound is added, at room